

### **REMARKS**

Claims 7-10 are pending in this application. Claims 1-6 have been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claim 7 is independent.

In the following discussion, Applicant respectfully traverses all rejections, and does not acquiesce in any regard to averments made in the outstanding Office Action (unless Applicant expressly indicates otherwise).

Claims 1 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over what the Office Action referred to as Applicant's Admitted Prior Art ("AAPA") and U.S. Patent Appln. Publn. No. 2003/0058894 to Feuerstraeter.

Claims 2 and 3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the AAPA and Feuerstraeter as applied to claim 1, and U.S. patent no. 6,292,045 to Bongiorno.

Claims 4 and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the AAPA and Feuerstraeter as applied to claim 1, and U.S. patent no. 5,778,002 to Werle.

In view of the cancellation of claims 1-6, these rejections are entirely moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

### **CONCLUSION**

Since the outstanding rejections are all now moot, Applicant submits that all claims pending in this application are patentable over the prior art. Accordingly, favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper. If, however, the Commissioner deems any additional fee(s) to be now or hereafter due in connection with this application, authority is given to charge all such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-4019.

In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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